

Minutes of the April 17, 1998 Meeting
City Council Chambers of Corona
815 West Sixth Street
Corona

1. Regional Board Chair Henriques called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Melody Henriques, Regional Board Chair
Karen Stein, Regional Board Vice Chair
Jerry A. King
Evelyn Hart
John B. Withers
Maurice Gallarda
Ann Atkinson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rodger Siems

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer
Kurt V. Berchtold, Assistant Executive Officer
Joanne E. Schneider, Environmental Program Manager
Karen White, Executive Assistant
Hope Smythe, Chief, Planning Section
Scott Dawson, Environmental Specialist III, Planning Section
Robert L. Holub, Chief, SLIC, Dairies and Chino Watershed Section
Mark Adelson, Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement Section
Dixie Lass, Chief, Landfill Section
Reza Akhtarshad, Sanitary Engineering Associate, Landfill Section
Syrena Ooten, Office Assistant, Administrative Support Section

LEGAL COUNSEL

Ted Cobb, State Water Resources Control Board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Joe Karkowski, United States Environmental Protection Agency
Theresa Dennis, California Farm Bureau
Julius Ma, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Charles Peltzier, Orange County Farm Bureau
A.J. Kawamura, Orange County Farm Bureau/Orange County Produce
R. L. Seat, Orange County Farm Bureau/Sea Tree Nurseries
Chris Crompton, County of Orange
Bruce Cash, United Strategies, Inc.
Jim Colston, County Sanitation Districts of Orange County
Deborah Schoch, LA Times
Dr. Alex Horne, Ph.D., Professor at University of California, Berkeley
Joan Arneson, Bowie, Arneson, Wiles and Giannone
Katherine O'Connor, Orange County Water District
Maher Nawar, City of Costa Mesa
George Muse, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Keith MacDonald, CH2M Hill, Seattle, Washington
Abraham Wubishet, San Bernardino

3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of March 6, 1998

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 6, 1998 were approved, as presented.

4. Consideration of Consent Calendar Items

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS - REVISED

Item 15. Recyc, Inc., Temescal Canyon Composting Facility, Riverside County, was removed from the consent calendar at the request of the discharger.

Order No. 98-35

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 16a. Prospective Purchaser Agreement with the Sares Regis Company for the former Pacific Scientific Company Site in Anaheim, Resolution No. 98-76, was postponed for Regional Board consideration at the request of the discharger.

Resolution No. 98-76

NPDES PERMITS - NEW

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Canyon Lake Water Treatment Plant, Riverside County, (NPDES No. CA8000392), Order No. 98-47 (with errata sheet)

NPDES PERMITS - AMENDMENT

City of Corona, Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1, Riverside County (NPDES No. CA8000383), Order No. 98-2 (with errata sheet)

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS - REVISED

Hap Kellogg, dba Kellogg Supply, Inc., Manure Composting Facility, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Order No. 98-58

D. M. Adger, Creekside Mobilehome Estates, Corona, Riverside County, Order No. 98-31

City of Corona, Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2, Riverside County, Order No. 98-3 (with errata sheet)

City of Redlands, Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Bernardino County, Order No. 98-54 (with errata sheet)

OTHER BUSINESS

Santa Ana Regional Board's Priority List for State Revolving Fund Loan Program Projects for State Fiscal Year 1998-99
Resolution No. 98-62

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member King, seconded by Regional Board Vice Chair Stein, and unanimously carried to adopt Orders No. 98-47, 98-2, 98-58, 98-31, 98-3, 98-54, and Resolution No. 98-62, as modified.

Regional Board Vice Chair Stein abstained from voting on Items 11 and 13a.

Enforcement Action

Cease and Desist Order:

7. City of Corona, Riverside County, Cease and Desist Order No. 98-8

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Hart, seconded by Board Member King, and unanimously carried to adopt Cease and Desist Order No. 98-8, as modified.

The motion passed: Ayes: 5 Noes: None

Regional Board Vice Chair Stein abstained from voting on this item.

BASIN PLAN AMENDMENTS

5. Newport Bay/San Diego Creek Watershed Nutrient TMDL, Resolution No. 98-9

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Scott Dawson, Environmental Specialist III, Planning Section, presented this item. At the March 6, 1998 regular meeting, the Board postponed consideration of tentative Resolution No. 98-9, to provide time for staff to review and incorporate relevant public comments received during the public hearing. Mr. Dawson reviewed the public comments submitted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Farm Bureau. Next, he reviewed the errata sheet prepared for this item, which proposed additional changes to the waste load allocation, monitoring report program, and schedule of events. Mr. Dawson emphasized that the goal of the TMDL process is to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus by 50%, review water objectives for San Diego Creek, issue new and revised waste discharge requirements for dischargers, establish a regional monitoring program, and evaluate the TMDL every three years. Mr. Dawson answered questions from the Regional Board and recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-9. However, he stated that the revised TMDL had been sent for further peer review and indicated that if the peer review raised substantive questions, staff would ask the Board to reconsider adoption of Resolution No. 98-9.

Comments were received from the following:

Joe Karkowski, United States Environmental Protection Agency
Ken Thompson, Irvine Ranch Water District, Director of Water Quality
Dr. Alex Horne, Ph.D., Professor of Ecological Engineering, University of California, Berkeley
Keith MacDonald, Estuarine and Wetland Ecologist, CH2M Hill, representing IRWD
Chris Crompton, Co. Of Orange
Theresa Dennis, California Farm Bureau
A. J. Kawamura, Farmer in Orange County
Dr. Dave Dilks, Limno Tech, representing Defend the Bay
Mark Wolfe, attorney for Defend the Bay
Bob Caustin, Defend the Bay

Executive Officer Thibeault recommended adoption of Resolution No. 98-9 with the inclusion of the errata sheet and proposed modifications as noted in the staff presentation.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Gallarda, seconded by Board Member King, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 98-9, as modified.

6. Newport Bay/San Diego Creek Watershed Sediment TMDL - Resolution No. 98-69

Information pertaining to the item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Hope Smythe, Chief of the Planning Section, presented this item. At the October 17, 1997, meeting, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 97-77. Subsequently, in the review and approval process, State Board and United States Environmental Protection Agency staff noted several areas of the resolution that needed clarification. Ms. Smythe reviewed the proposed changes. Staff recommended that the Board rescind Resolution No. 97-77, and adopt Resolution No. 98-69, incorporating the proposed changes, as presented.

Comments were received by the following:

Chris Crompton, County of Orange
Joe Karkowski, United States Environmental Protection Agency
Ken Thompson, Director of Water Quality, Irvine Ranch Water District
Dr. Alex Horne, Ph.D., Professor of Ecological Engineering, University of California, Berkeley
Keith MacDonald, Estuarine and Wetland Ecologist, CH2M Hill, representing Irvine Ranch Water District

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Hart, seconded by Board Member King, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 98-69 (with errata sheet).

NPDES PERMITS - AMENDMENT

9. Irvine Ranch Water District, Wetlands Water Supply Project, Irvine, Orange County (NPDES No. CA8000366) - Order No. 98-56

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Legal Counsel Ted Cobb stated that this item is being considered to address issues related to enhancement. For the record, Mr. Cobb stated that the public comment period was closed during the March 6, 1998, regular meeting. However, the Board is encouraged to ask questions and discuss issues related to tentative Order No. 98-56.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member Hart, seconded by Board Member King to adopt Order No. 98-56, as presented.

Board Member Withers recused himself from voting on this item.

10. Irvine Ranch Water District, Wetlands Water Supply Project, Irvine, Orange County (NPDES No. CA8000366) - Order No. 96-2

Information pertaining to this item is contained in a verbatim transcript.

Legal Counsel Cobb stated that Order No. 98-56 (Item 9), will be incorporated in Order No. 96-2.

Joanne E. Schneider, Environmental Program Manager, presented this item. Ms. Schneider stated that staff is asking the Regional Board to consider the readoption of Order No. 96-2 to incorporate new findings of Order No. 98-56, and proposed changes noted in the errata sheet. Ms. Schneider reviewed the proposed changes and the water quality benefits of the wetlands water supply project. She also reviewed public comments received and responded accordingly. Ms. Schneider answered questions from the Board and recommended readoption of Order No. 96-2, as modified.

Comments were provided by the following:

Ken Thompson, Director of Water Quality, Irvine Ranch Water District
Dr. Steve Costa, Oceanographer, CH2M Hill, representing Irvine Ranch Water District
Dr. Alex Horne, Ph.D., Professor of Ecological Engineering, University of California, Berkeley
Mark Wolfe, attorney for Defend the Bay
Dr. Dave Dilks, Ph.D., Limno Tech, Inc.
Bob Caustin, Defend the Bay

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member King and seconded by Board Member Gallarda to adopt Order No. 96-2, as modified.

The motion passed: Ayes: 5 Noes: 1

Board Member Withers recused himself from voting on this item.

Regional Board Chair Henriques called for a five-minute break.

Regional Board Chair Henriques reconvened the meeting.

Board Member Hart left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS - REVISED

15. Recyc, Inc., Temescal Canyon Composting Facility, Riverside County - Order No. 98-35

Dixie B. Lass, Chief of the Landfill Section, presented this item. She began her presentation by reviewing comments submitted by Ms. Michelle Randall, a concerned local resident. Ms. Randall expressed concerns with possible leachate problems and a lack of a liner on Pad 5 and the Liston pit area. Ms. Lass stated that these concerns have been addressed by proposed changes shown in the errata sheet. Next, Ms. Lass stated that on June 10, 1997, the discharger submitted a request to update the existing waste discharge requirements to allow for an expansion from 500 wet tons of biosolids per day to 1,232 wet tons per day. She talked briefly about the composting operations and the facility design. She stated that with the proposed modifications as noted in the errata sheet, staff recommends adoption of Order No. 98-35. Ms. Lass answered questions from the Board.

Comments were received from the following:

Michelle Randall reiterated comments expressed in her letter. She contended that Recyc, Inc., is not in compliance with current waste discharge requirements. Therefore, she requested that the Regional Board require monitoring wells and an origin and deposit record, as a means of monitoring the site. Ms. Randall answered questions from the Board.

Robert McGee of Recyc, Inc., thanked Regional Board staff for their assistance and dedication in working on the proposed permit. He also requested that the Board adopt Order No. 98-35, as presented. Mr. McGee talked about the process for maintaining load deposits at the facility, and clarified statements made by Ms. Lass. Mr. McGee answered questions from the Board.

Regional Board Chair Henriques asked that Regional Board staff prepare an update report regarding this site for presentation at a future meeting.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member King, seconded by Board Member Gallarda, and unanimously carried to adopt Order No. 98-35, (with errata sheet).

OTHER BUSINESS

17. Effects of Winter Storms on Dairies

Robert L. Holub, Chief of the SLIC, Dairies and Chino Watershed Section, presented this item. Mr. Holub talked about the heavy rainfall that the Dairy Preserve area experienced this year. He stated that even though many of the dairies have preventive measures in place to address 24-hour, 25-year storms, the measures were not sufficient to contain the recent storms. As a result, many of the dairies in the Chino area experienced flooded disposal fields that eventually flowed to the Santa Ana River. Mr. Holub showed slides of the dairy areas impacted from the heavy rainfall. He stated that the San Bernardino County Flood Control District is working on funding projects to address the flooding problems in the Dairy Reserve. In addition, Mr. Holub talked about the limitations on staff resources available to address dairy issues. He also stated that staff will prepare a concept paper for Regional Board consideration that will propose personnel funding from the State Board for additional staff members.

Mr. Holub read a statement prepared by Katherine O'Connor, Senior Environmental Specialist, with Orange County Water District, who expressed the District's concern with the serious nature of the discharges from animal confinement facilities. She further requested that the Board hold workshops to fully address these issues and the impacts to water quality.

Executive Officer Thibeault asked Assistant Executive Officer Berchtold to give a brief summary of the meeting he attended with Assemblyman Kim's office to address problems in the Dairy Preserve area. Mr. Berchtold responded accordingly.

18. Quarterly Violations Report (information item)

The Board accepted the report as received.

19. Hazardous Waste and Sewage Spill Incident Report

The Board accepted the report as received.

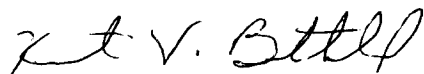
20. Executive Officer's Report (information item)

The Board accepted the report as received.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Regional Board Chair Henriques adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m., to the regular meeting of May 29, 1998, at the City Council Chambers of Loma Linda.

Respectfully submitted:



For GERARD J. THIBEAULT
Executive Officer